

IN THE ABSTRACT:

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Please amend the abstract as follows:

In a two-dimensional image display device, speckle noise is reduced by a simple construction. A two-dimensional image display device for displaying an image by projecting coherent light onto a projection plane is provided with at least one coherent light source (1a), (1b), (1c) for outputting coherent light, a polarization state modulator 6 (6) for modulating at least one of a polarization state and a phase of the coherent light emitted from the coherent light source, and a birefringent diffusion plate 7 (7) for spatially varying the phase of the coherent light emitted from the polarization state modulator, ~~wherein the~~ The polarization states of light spots in the respective pixels of the image displayed on the projection plane are spatially and temporally varied, thereby forming various speckle patterns.